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We have so many events coming up soon in Berkeley Lake that I wanted to get this issue out to you in time to make some plans.

Our Berkeley Lake Conservancy has two exciting events in February. The first is a discussion of Doug Tallamy's book, [Bringing Nature Home: How to Sustain Wildlife and Native Plants](#), led by



Photo by Suzy Downing

Carol Hassell, Executive Director of Georgia Piedmont Land Trust. **Would you like for your yard to be home to birds and butterflies?** Choosing native plants fortifies birds and other wildlife while providing beauty to your landscaping. You are invited to come to **City Hall on Saturday, February 7 at 1:00 PM** for this presentation. There is no cost, but please reserve a spot today. Reservations will insure we have a space big enough to accommodate all who wish to attend. **E-mail deputy.clerk@berkeley-lake.com to make your reservation.**

The next day the Berkeley Lake Conservancy will be celebrating **Arbor Day** and planting a native dogwood—*Cornus florida* "Cherokee Princess" at City Hall. The flowers will give nectar to insects and fall berries will provide food to birds. Our citizens will be able to enjoy its beauty all year. The planting will take place at **4:00 PM on Sunday, February 8 at City Hall**. Come and join us.

On that same weekend Compassionate Berkeley Lake and BLHA will be hosting the 6th (almost) Annual Berkeley Lake **Chili Cook Off** and all residents of Berkeley Lake are invited. There'll be a **bonfire at the BLHA Beach on Saturday, February 7 (rain date Sunday, February 8)**. Bring a pot of chili and your own beverage. Cost is \$5 for adults and kids are free. There will be cash prizes for the best chili and you could get your name on the fabulous travelling trophy. To RSVP visit: <http://berkeleylakechilicookoff.splashthat.com/>

Many thanks to all of you who contributed **coats for Norcross Co-op**. When I arrived last week with 124 coats, as well as blankets, mittens, socks, hats, and scarves, they had been completely



out of coats and were so very grateful! Here is our City Charity Coordinator, Lou Mitcham (left), helping to sort all our donated warm wear with a happy volunteer at the Co-op.

We are especially grateful to the BLOSOMS, who contributed more than any other group. Way to go, BLOSOMS !!

Our next project is to **benefit homeless pets**, through the Animal Companion Rescue Foundation. They are working with Paws and Stars, a well-run pet rescue organization, to purchase land to house all the animals they are sheltering. This is a great project because there are so many lovable pets with no place to go, currently being held in cages behind the Medlock Bridge Animal Hospital. If you can contribute bags of dog food, towels, blankets, or best of all, checks, please drop them by City Hall as soon as possible.



Visit <http://pawsandstarsrescue.rescueme.org/> to see some of their adoptable dogs.

On Saturday, April 18, the City of Berkeley Lake celebrates Earth Day from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Staff will be on hand at City Hall with vendors and volunteers to assist in the disposal of unwanted items and recycling of others.

- Iron Mountain will be providing secure paper shredding.
- Advanced Disposal will be accepting yard waste and large household items such as desks, mattresses, box springs, etc.
- Crawford Metal Recycling will be accepting scrap metal, appliances, lawn mowers, grills, car and truck batteries, and other metal items.
- Touch the Future will be collecting donated used cell phones, computers, cabling and other electronics as well as wheel chairs, walkers, shower chairs and other small durable medical equipment and technology items. Donation receipts will be provided. There is a \$5.00 recycling charge for each CRT monitor.



Please remember that this service is provided by the City of Berkeley Lake at no cost only to citizens. Bring identification showing a Berkeley Lake address in order to dispose of or recycle items. The following items WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED: construction debris, wet paints, entire trees, televisions, microwave ovens. If you need to dispose of a television, please call Advanced Disposal at (678) 495-0058 to make arrangements with them to pick the television up at your home.

My featured Berkeley Lake business for this issue is **Professor Maxwell’s Genius Discovery Academy** at 4790 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Suite 108. They are holding an **Open House on February 13, 2015, 5:00 - 9:00 PM at the Pinckneyville Community Center** with six genius professors. The Academy’s guiding principle is that “Every child is a potential genius in some domain and that genius is time-sensitive, environment-sensitive and mentor-sensitive.” You can find out more and register for the Open House at www.GeniusDiscoveryAcademy.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois D. Alter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.